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1)🖂	Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 i	<u> March 2002</u> .					
2a)□	This action is FINAL . 2b) Th	nis action is non-final.					
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213. Disposition of Claims							
	Claim(s) <u>12-30</u> is/are pending in the application	on.					
•	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdra						
	5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.						
	6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.						
7)	Claim(s) is/are objected to.						
8)⊠	Claim(s) 12-30 are subject to restriction and/o	r election requirement.		J,			
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10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) □ accepted or b) □ objected to by the Examiner.							
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/ 2	1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority document	s have been received.					
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3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.							
14)∐ A	cknowledgment is made of a claim for domest	ic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e	e) (to a provisional application	1).			
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2) 🔲 Notic	e of References Cited (PTO-892) e of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) nation Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _	5) 🔲 Notice of Informal F	r (PTO-413) Paper No(s) Patent Application (PTO-152)				

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Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claim 12, drawn to a method of disassembling, classified in class 49, subclass 506.
- Claims 13-30 (renumbered per rule 1.126), drawn to a vehicle door, 11. classified in class 49, subclass 502.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. (MPEP § 806.05(e)). In this case, the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process such as providing an adjustable nut and washer assembly to the vehicle door, then removing the nut and washer assembly to remove an outer panel element.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one Application/Control Number: 10/089,041

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or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

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